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Congressional and Intergovernmental:

Sen. John McCain (R-AZ): Brent Maier received an inquiry from Nick Matiella in the Senator's DC office whether EPA Region IX or the Agency has a position on permitting the use of "potable re-use water". Senator McCain was approached by the Mayor of Clarkdale, AZ, who is dealing with some serious drought management issues along a water-stressed segment of the Verde River. Many local-elected officials are wanting to reduce the drawdown of the river, which USGS estimates could go dry within the next 80 years. One solution raised to Sen. McCain was to take wastewater from residential units and treat it to potable standards, possibly augmenting the region's water supply by up to 33%, but that EPA and ADEQ do not allow that. Nick mentioned that he always assumed this kind of water augmentation was the same as using grade A+ reclaimed wastewater under ADEQ standards, but has been told that it's not. A call has been confirmed for Thursday, January 6th at 10:00am PT and will include Water Division's Bruce Macler and David W. Smith.

Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA-14): Miriam Goldstein in the Congresswoman's DC office contacted DRA Alexis Strauss to request an update on the Redwood City Cargill Site. Alexis asked Brent Maier to help coordinate a call with Jessica Kao and Sylvia Quast for them to provide an update. A call was held today at 1:00pm and included Miriam Goldstein and the Congresswoman's Chief of Staff, Josh Connolly. Provided the Congresswoman's office of where things stand with regard to the jurisdictional determination and our efforts.

Rep. Crescent Hardy (R-NV-4): Brent Maier has received an additional confirmation that Sonia Joya, North Las Vegas District Director will participate in our call next week along with Kyle Lykins, Senior Legislative Assistant and Sarah Waggoner, Community Affairs Liaison in the North Las Vegas District Office of Congressman Crescent Hardy will participate in a conference call on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 2:00pm PT (5:00pm ET) with U.S. EPA San Francisco Regional Office Superfund Division colleagues to brief them on the Anaconda Yerington Copper Mine and our recent letter to Governor Brian Sandoval regarding a proposed listing of the Anaconda Yerington Copper Mine to the National Priorities List (NPL). The Anaconda Yerington Copper Mine Site is located within Congressman Crescent Hardy's Congressional District and we thought we would reach out to their office to offer a briefing update.

Congressional Outreach on EPA Public Meeting on Civil Rights in Oakland, CA: Brent Maier shared information with Congressional staff for the entire Region IX Congressional delegation about the upcoming EPA Public Meeting on Civil Rights on January 20, 2016 in Oakland, CA.

Request for Hot Issues for Upcoming U.S. Conference of Mayors Winter Meeting: OCIR's Arnita Hannon requested Hot Issues for a select group of Region IX Mayors that are members of the Environment Committee and who will be meeting in conjunction with the U.S. Conference of Mayors Winter Meeting on January 20 – 22, 2016. Arnita is requesting any Hot Issues for these Mayors be submitted to her no later than Wednesday, January 13th.

The Mayors for Region IX include Greg Stanton (Phoenix, AZ), Chair, Environment Committee; Ashley Swearingin (Fresno, CA); and Carolyn Goodman (Las Vegas, NV). Brent Maier has alerted each of the Division Liaisons and requested any Hot Issues be submitted by COB Tuesday, January 12th.

Legislation Update:

H.R. 1155: The House is scheduled today to vote on the first piece of a controversial package aimed at constraining federal rulemaking power, drawing a veto threat from the White House and sharp criticism from Democrats who say the bill is unnecessary and dangerous. Under [H.R. 1155](#), the "Searching for and Cutting Regulations That Are Unnecessarily Burdensome Act" or "SCRUB Act," a bipartisan commission would be tasked with retroactively reviewing existing federal regulations.

H.R. 712: Tomorrow, the House is also scheduled to vote on [H.R. 712](#), the "Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act," a bill that would require federal agencies to share more information about consent decrees and legal settlements and allow outside parties to intervene in the litigation. Under an amendment advanced by the panel, the legislation would incorporate two other regulatory reform bills. [H.R. 1759](#), the "All Economic Regulations Are Transparent Act" or "ALERT Act," would require agencies to submit monthly updates on which regulations they expect to issue throughout the year. [H.R. 690](#), the "Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act of 2015," would require every proposed rule to include a link on regulations.gov with a short summary of what the rule does. The White House strongly opposes the legislation, administration officials announced last night. In a statement, officials said it would impose unnecessary procedures on agencies and invite wasteful litigation.